

**Amendment to the Figures:**

Please replace Figure 2A submitted on July 10, 2003 with the attached replacement of Figure 2A submitted herewith.

Please replace Figure 2D submitted on July 10, 2003 with the attached replacement of Figure 2D submitted herewith.

## **Remarks**

Several typographical errors within the specification and figures have been corrected. Specifically, Figure 2A has been amended to correct a typographical error within the residue numbering where residue 61 was incorrectly labeled 71 in the figure legend. Figure 2D has been amended to insert the nucleotide T at position 1508. Support for addition of this residue can be found in both SEQ ID NOS:1 and 3. In addition, the residue numbering listed on page 36, last paragraph, through page 38, first paragraph, have been amended to match either Figure 1 and SEQ ID NO:2. Accordingly, all the amendments to the figures and specification listed above are supported by the specification as filed, and thus, no new matter has been added.

### **I. Formal Matters.**

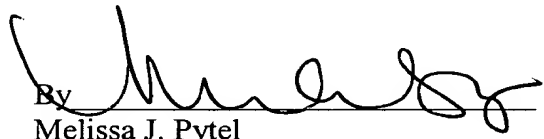
Applicants note that the Notice of Allowance contained a listing of all the allowable claims including claims 42-44, 46-51, 62-64, 66-73, and 75. However, Applicants respectfully contend that Claim 72 was canceled previous to the Notice of Allowance, and as such, is erroneously included in the list of allowable claims (*See*, Applicants response dated October 12, 2004).

In addition, the Applicants respectfully note that the Information Disclosure Statements filed by Applicants on August 10, 2004, and November 11, 2004, were not initialed and returned by the Examiner by the date of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate his consideration of the references included in the Information Disclosure Statements filed by Applicants on August 10, 2004, and November 11, 2004 by initialing and returning a copy of the submissions to Applicants at his earliest convenience.

## II. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the aforementioned amendments and remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Dated: March 14, 2005 Respectfully submitted,

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